

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

a. Photography taken yesterday was limited by weather and restricted to Oriente Province.

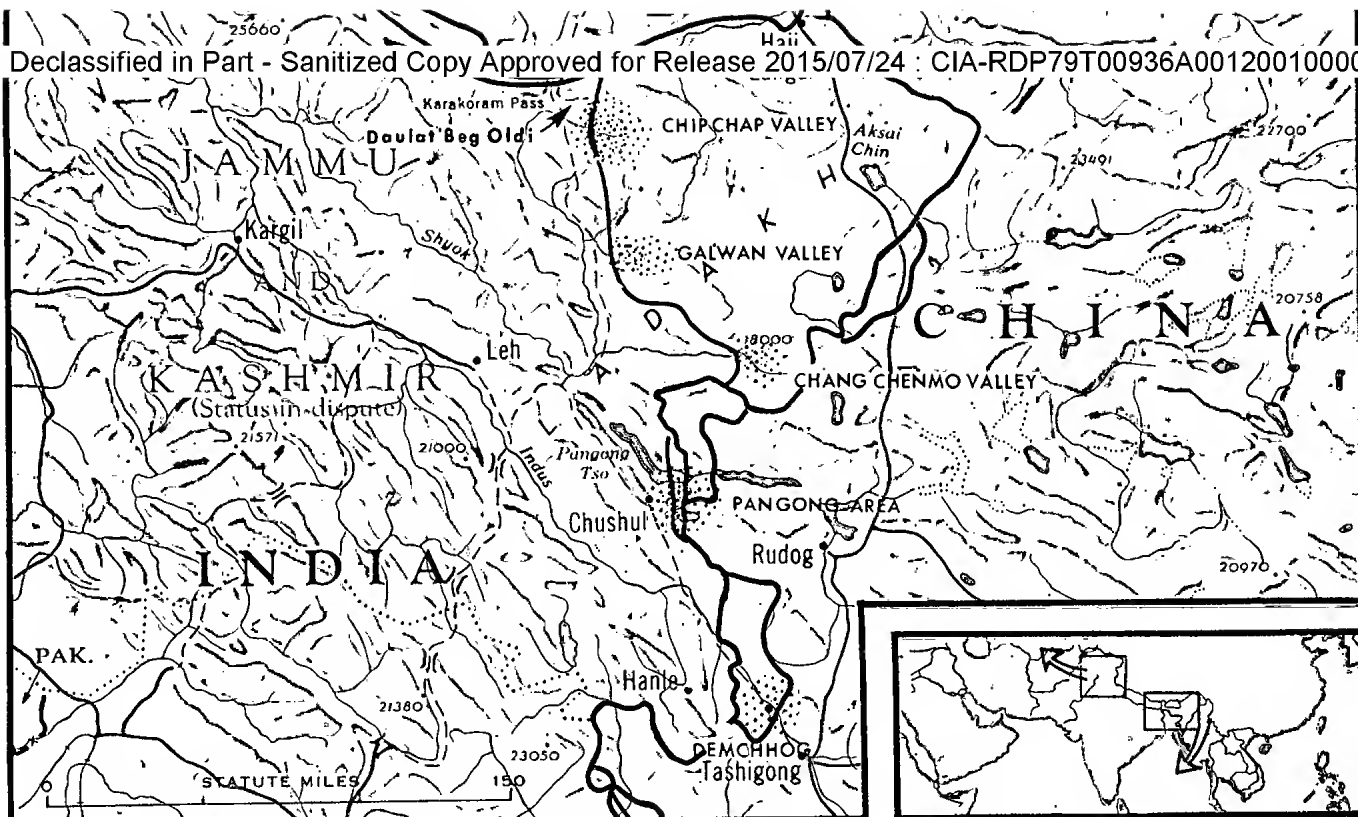
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b. Preliminary analysis shows nothing notable; one surface-to-air missile site has apparently been relocated.

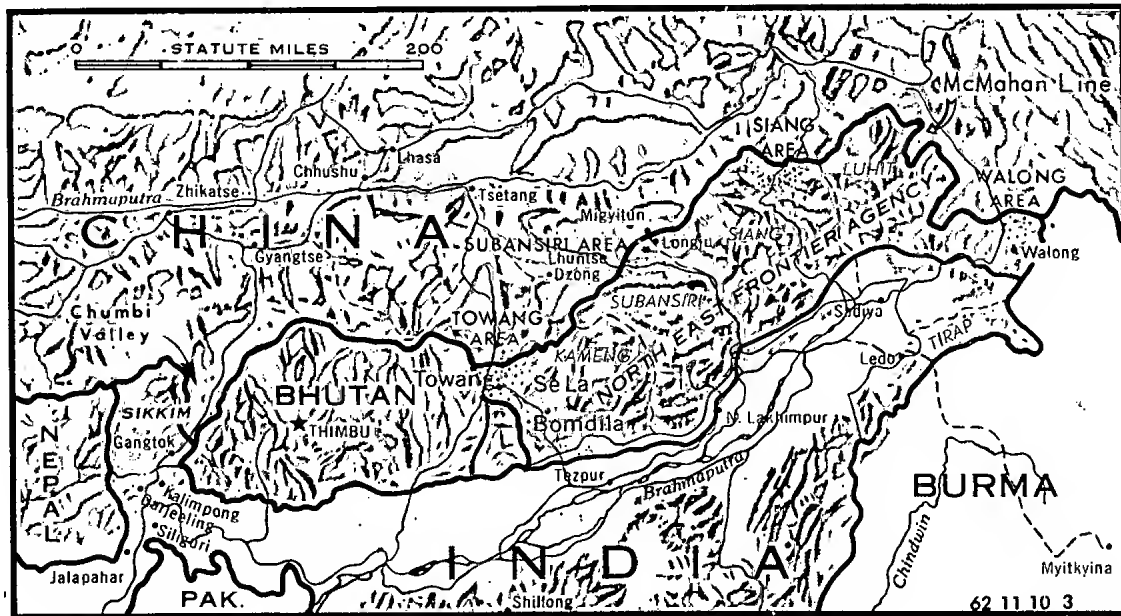
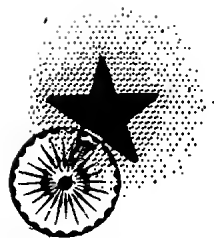
d. We still do not know Mikoyan's plans. Cuban media have made no mention of him or his activities in the past 24 hours.

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f. Cubana does not have any IL-18's but may now begin operating them for the Soviets in order to get around the problem the USSR has in obtaining clearances because it is not a member of ICAO.



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Areas Chinese have occupied since 20 October
 Boundary shown on recent Chinese Communist maps (Where differing from US and Western maps)

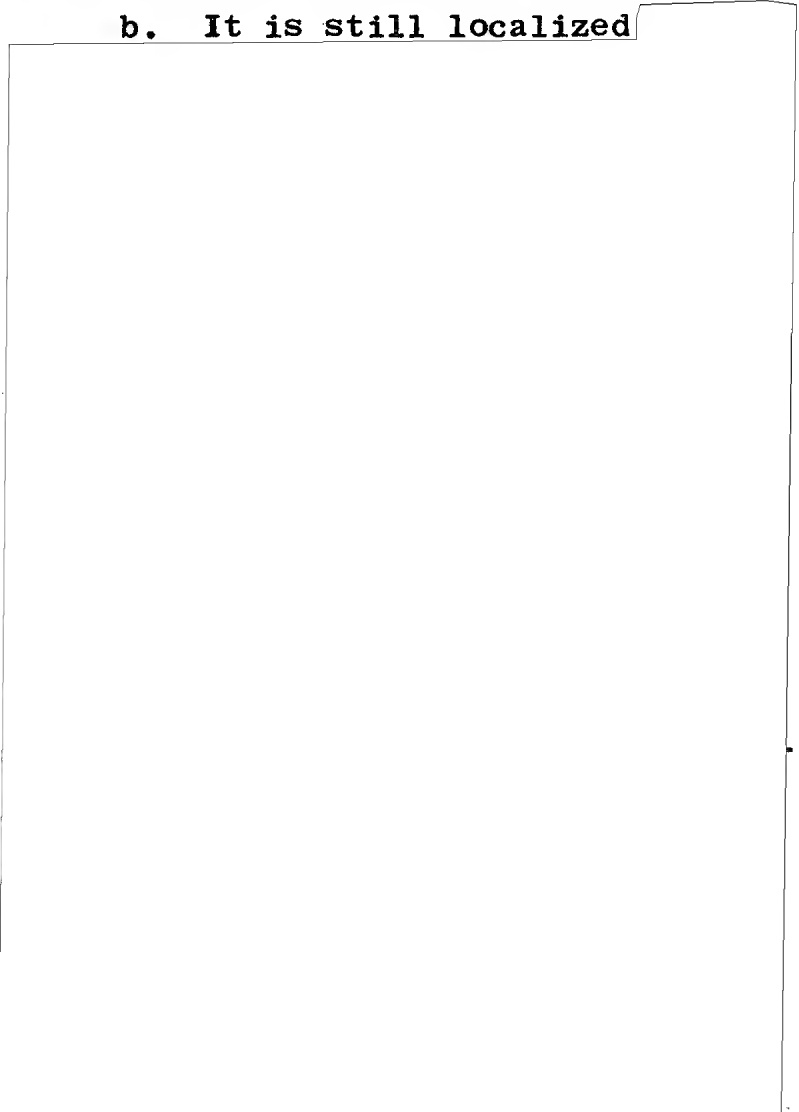
Boundary shown on most US and Western maps
 Road or track

21020 Seat height (in feet)

2. China-India

a. Fighting, the heaviest in some time, continues in the Walong area at the eastern end of the McMahon line and has broken out again in the Towang area.

b. It is still localized



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g. The Chinese border negotiations with Pakistan, now in their third month, have still produced nothing despite the relatively more favorable climate for them.

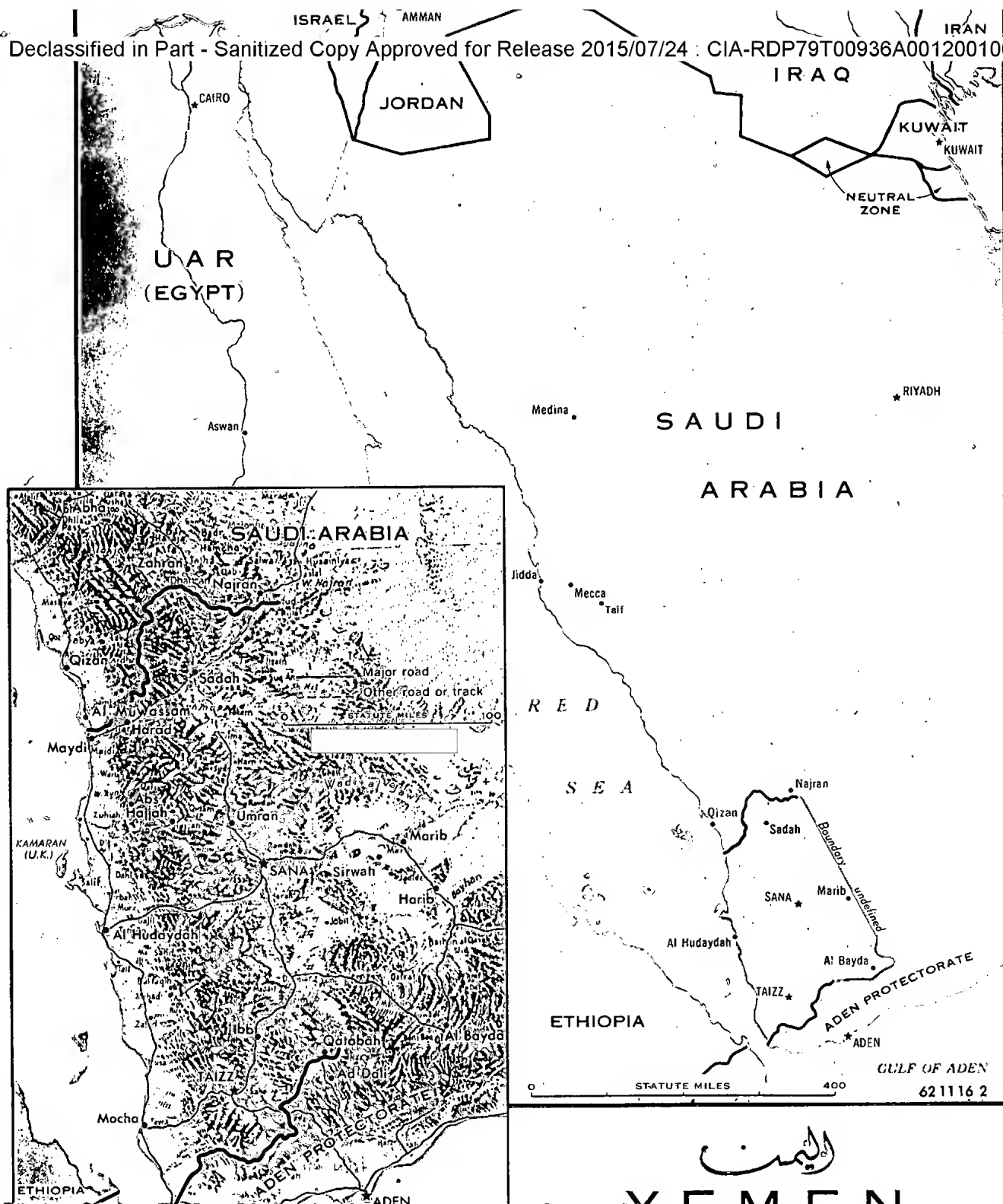
h. India's new defense minister has stated publicly that India is not counting on support from the Soviets in the struggle against the Chinese.

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3. French Election

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4. France

a. Rumor in Geneva has it that France will take her hitherto unoccupied seat at the disarmament conference when it resumes in Geneva on 26 November.

b. The French are very upset over the idea in the Roberts-Khrushchev talks of putting western forces in Berlin under UN aegis; they suspect the British will push this line.

c. Ambassador Alphand tells us Paris would consider any move along this line to be "disastrous" and says we will probably be hearing officially from De Gaulle.

5. Yemen

a. Egyptian and Yemeni revolutionary troops have recaptured Harad in the north and several other villages in the northeast.

b. They are pressing ahead east of Sana as well, anticipating that the royalists will mount an attack toward the capital in hopes of achieving a victory "before a political settlement takes place."

c. The buildup of UAR forces continues

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6. Laos

a. Canada has formally asked for ICC investigation of reports that the North Vietnamese military personnel remain in certain areas in Laos; no action has been taken yet.

b. The neutralists, meanwhile, have apparently patched up (probably only temporarily) both their recent quarrel with the Pathet Lao and the quarrel among themselves in Phong Saly.

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7. South Vietnam

a. Three additional Viet Cong regimental staffs have been organized in South Vietnam since mid-summer

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This makes five such staffs.

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b. They direct operations of independent battalions within a given area and their appearance does not yet mean regiments in the usual military sense have been formed. It does show continuing improvement in Viet Cong military command and organization.

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8. Congo

a. UN officials have backed off their plan to move forces into Katanga's major mining centers.

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b. General Rikhye says he has convinced Thant and Bunche the UN force would be in no position to pull it off without at least two months' preparation. The UN plans instead to put pressure on Union Minière from Elisabethville where UN forces are being considerably reinforced.

c. Meanwhile, Tshombé's forces are moving closer to UN lines around Elisabethville and improving defenses in the area.

9. Haiti

a. With opposition swelling and conspiracy rampant, President Duvalier's own clique is trying to persuade him to announce presidential elections to take the heat off.

b. But he does not trust his own advisers, believing (probably rightly) they would rig any elections to defeat him.

c. So he has refused, and the palace guard now intends to instigate riots in Port-au-Prince (which will be blamed on the underground) to convince him to see things their way.

d. In the already unstable situation this could spark major civil strife.

10. Iran

a. The government's land reform program is running into strong and potentially violent resistance from leaders of powerful Qashqai tribes in the south.

b. Martial law has been declared in one province already and the army and gendarmerie elsewhere in the south have been given orders to ensure the program is carried out without delay.

c. The Qashqai leaders believe the government may allot their grazing lands to village peasants and are prepared to defend these lands.

d. They could put an estimated 10,000 armed men in the field.

DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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